

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical communication system is constructed which enables highly reliable and flexible connection to communication nodes connected to a path establishment circuit, by utilizing wavelength-routing characteristics of a path establishment circuit such as an arrayed waveguide grating. The optical communication system has multiple communication nodes having a signal output port and signal input port pair, and a path establishment circuit having multiple optical input ports and multiple optical output ports which are set so that optical signals input from the respective optical input ports are output to predetermined optical output ports corresponding to the wavelengths of the optical signals.